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Hon. Gregory H. Woods  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**MEMORANDUM ENDORSED**

**Re: *Isatou Sarr v. Garland, et al.*, No. 22 Civ. 2148 (GHW)**

Dear Judge Woods:

This Office represents the government in this action in which the plaintiff seeks an order compelling U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) to adjudicate a Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition (Form I-730). On behalf of the government, I write respectfully to request a sixty-day extension of the time to respond to the complaint (*i.e.*, from May 23, 2022, to July 22, 2022). In addition, I respectfully request that the initial pretrial conference presently scheduled for June 9, 2022, be rescheduled for a date during the week of August 15, 2022, or thereafter (with a corresponding extension of time for the preconference submission). *See* ECF No. 13.<sup>1</sup>

I respectfully request this extension because USCIS is transferring the file to the appropriate location for review and needs additional time to determine next steps, which may include a Request for Evidence, Notice of Intent to Deny, or other adjudicatory action. This is the government’s first request for an extension of the deadline to respond to the complaint and an adjournment of the initial conference. Plaintiff consents to these requests.

<sup>1</sup> Counsel for the government will not be available from August 5, 2022, through August 12, 2022.

I thank the Court for its consideration of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Defendant's application for an extension of time to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint and to adjourn the initial pretrial conference, Dkt. No. 18, is granted. The deadline for defendant to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint is extended to July 22, 2022. The initial pretrial conference scheduled for June 9, 2022 is adjourned to August 23, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. The joint status letter described in the Court's March 16, 2022 order is due no later than August 16, 2022.

The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate the motion pending at Dkt. No. 18.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 19, 2022  
New York, New York

  
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GREGORY H. WOODS  
United States District Judge